

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yuuichi Terada, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/574,430  
Filing Date: November 28, 2006  
Title: Short-Circuiting Member, Commutator, and Method of  
Manufacturing Short-Circuiting Member  
Examiner: Thanh LAM  
Art Unit: 2834  
Atty Docket No.: CONDA.00032

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Commissioner for Patents  
P O Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the Action dated January 9, 2009, Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.